

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Lafayette Westly Knotts, #275052,)	
)	C/A No.: 6:06-1165-MBS
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	ORDER
Hammi Mays, Corporal at Allendale)	
Correctional Institution.)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

Plaintiff Lafayette Westly Knotts is an inmate in custody of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. He currently is housed at the Allendale Correctional Institution in Fairfax, South Carolina. Plaintiff, appearing pro se, filed a complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 on April 19, 2006.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 73.02, D.S.C., this matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge William M. Catoe for pretrial handling. The Magistrate Judge reviewed the complaint pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915 and 1915A and the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1996. On April 19, 2006, the Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation in which he recommended that the complaint be summarily dismissed to allow Plaintiff to exhaust his administrative remedies. Plaintiff filed no objections to the Report and Recommendation.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility for making a final determination remains with this court. Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The court is charged with making a de novo determination of any portions of the Report and Recommendation to which a specific objection is

made. The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the Magistrate Judge or may recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of objections to the Report, this court is not required to give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. Camby v. Davis, 718 F.2d 198, 199 (4th Cir. 1983).

The court has thoroughly reviewed the record. The court concurs in the Report and Recommendation and incorporates it herein by reference. The case is dismissed *without prejudice* and without issuance and service of process to allow Plaintiff to exhaust his administrative remedies.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Margaret B. Seymour
United States District Judge

May 17, 2006

Columbia, South Carolina

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Plaintiff is hereby notified that he has the right to appeal this order pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.